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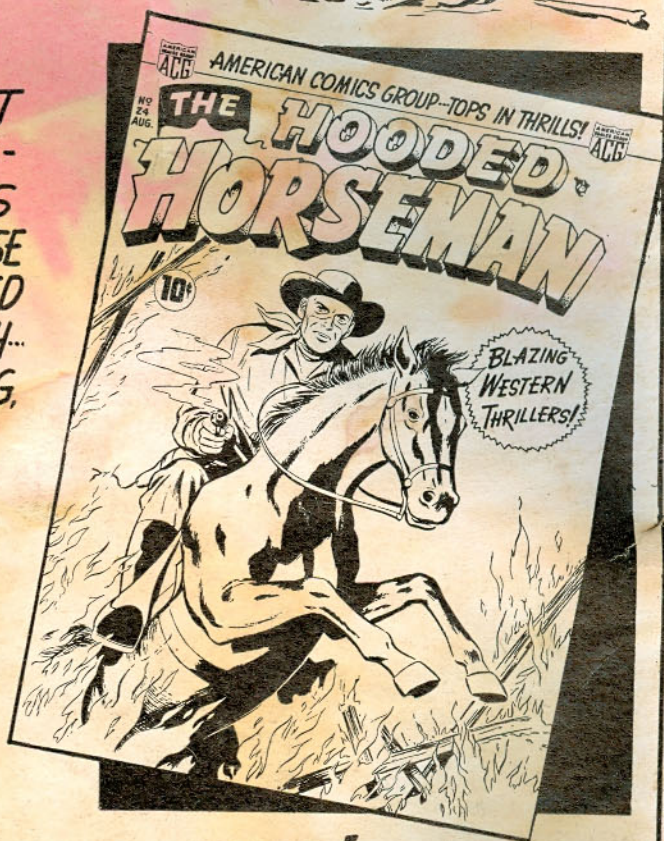
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THE HOODED HORSEMAN!



10¢ ON ALL
STANDS

BUSTUP in BRAZIL



AT FIRST, THERE WAS ONLY A CRYPTIC CLUE GASEPED BY A MURDERED SCIENTIST... "WITCHES'-BROOM!" JUST TWO WORDS... BUT ONCE MITCH JACKSON HEARD THEM, THERE WERE KILLERS ON HIS TRAIL... AS PART OF A PLOT THAT SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE THROUGH THE JUNGLES OF BRAZIL!

IN THE CITY ROOM OF THE "EVENING HERALD"...

STEVE... I'M FED UP WITH COVERING SECOND-RATE CRIME STORIES! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO THROW ME A REAL ASSIGNMENT?

I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A BREAK, MITCH! THE CENTURY PLANT UP AT THE BOTANICAL MUSEUM IS ABOUT TO BLOSSOM... AND I WANT YOU UP THERE RECORDING EVERY PHASE OF THE GREAT MOMENT!

CENTURY PLANT! MY GOSH, STEVE... SUPPOSE A BIG STORY BREAKS WHILE I'M GONE? THE MUSEUM'S WAY OUT AT THE TAIL END OF NOWHERE!

JUST TAKE YOUR TIME, PAL... BUT DON'T COME BACK EMPTY-HANDED! PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WAITING YEARS FOR THIS TO HAPPEN... WHAT BIGGER EVENT COULD YOU ASK FOR?

OKAY, I'M STUCK... BUT I'M NOT GOING TO BE IN ANY RUSH TO REACH THE MUSEUM! MIGHT AS WELL GET THERE JUST BEFORE CLOSING TIME... AND AVOID A CLUTTER OF WISECRACKERS WHILE I'M WATCHING THAT BLAST-ED PLANT!



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DON'T SLOW ME DOWN, MUGG
...I WANT THIS STORY TO
MAKE THE LATE
7 EDITION!



DOG! YOU'RE GOING
TO LEARN WHAT IT
MEANS TO AROUSE
ME... ROSITO!

OOPS!

CRASH!



GET HIM
...QUICK!

HA! WHAT IS
ONE AMERICAN
...WHEN I AM
FEARED BY THOUS-
ANDS OF MY COUN-
TRYMEN?

POW!



A
MOMENT
LATER...

BLAZES...IT'S A SURE BET I CAN'T
STOP THEM **NOW!** WHAT A STORY
I'D HAVE...CHARACTERS WITH A
LATIN AMERICAN ACCENT SHOOTING
UP THE MUSEUM LABORATORY
CHIEF... IF I KNEW THE
REASON!



HE'S TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING
...BUT I'M AFRAID HE'S TOO FAR
GONE TO DO MUCH
EXPLAINING!

I TRIED TO
KEEP THEM
...FROM
GETTING...
THE
WITCHES'-
BROOM!



THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE
...UNLESS THOSE LAST
WORDS WERE STRICTLY
DELIRIUM! THE ONE FACT
I'M SURE OF IS THAT
MURDER'S BEEN
COMMITTED...AND I'D
BETTER THROW THAT
IN THE LAP OF INSPECTOR
GRAVEL...OVER AT THE
HOMICIDE SQUAD!



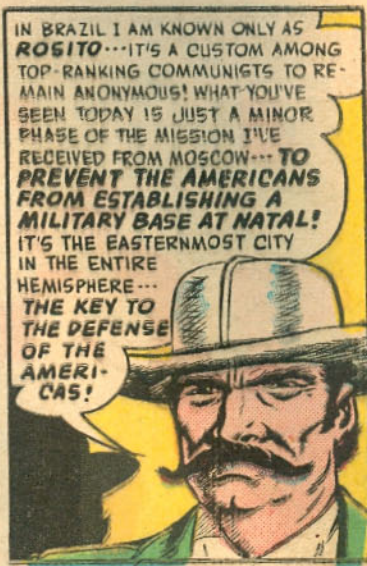
LOOK, INSPECTOR...PROMISE YOU WON'T BREAK
THIS STORY TO THE OTHER PAPERS UNTIL I CAN
FOLLOW THROUGH! THE TIEUP HERE IS **INTER-
NATIONAL**...AND I THINK I'VE GOT A CLUE
I CAN PASS ON TO YOU LATER!

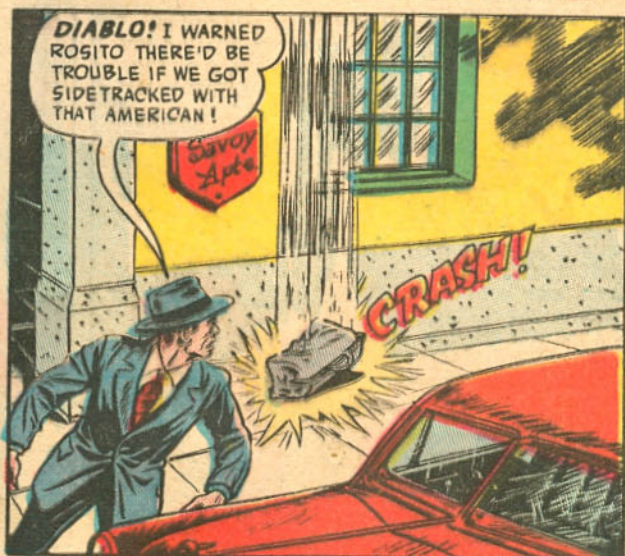


SOON AFTERWARD...

YEP...**WITCHES'-BROOM** MUST MEAN
SOMETHING! GOOD THING I'VE GOT A
SET OF ENCYCLOPEDIAS HERE AT HOME
...BECAUSE STEVE WOULD RAISE A HOWL
ABOUT THAT CENTURY PLANT STORY IF I SHOW-
ED MY FACE AT THE
'HERALD!'

Savoy
Ads







AND WHEN **THAT** HAPPENS... OUR PLANS FOR THE MOST VITAL DEFENSE SETUP IN LATIN AMERICA WILL GO DOWN THE DRAIN! BUT ABOUT THIS WITCHES'-BROOM... HOW COME ROSITO RISKED COMING **HERE** TO GET IT?

BECAUSE OUR COCOA TREES ARE **IMMUNE** TO THE BRAZILIAN FORM OF THE DISEASE! ROSITO HAD TO FIND A **NEW STRAIN**... AND HE KNEW THAT **DOZENS** OF THEM HAD BEEN DEVELOPED AT THE BOTANICAL MUSEUM FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES!



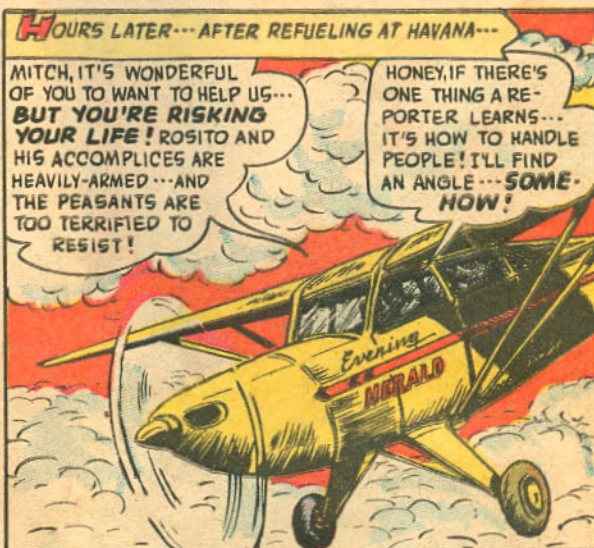
ROSITO CAN GO AHEAD WITH HIS PLOT NOW... AND THAT'S NOT ALL! HE'LL BE VENGEFUL ABOUT MY ESCAPE... AND FATHER'S DUE FOR A TERRIBLE REPRISAL AS SOON AS THE GANG RETURNS TO BRAZIL!

IN THAT CASE, HONEY... **WE'D BETTER GET THERE FIRST!** IN FACT... I'D A HEAP RATHER FACE ROSITO AT THIS POINT THAN MY BOSS!



MITCH? WHERE IN SAM HILL ARE YOU? DO YOU REALIZE I'VE BEEN HOLDING SPACE ON PAGE ONE FOR THAT CENTURY PLANT STORY?

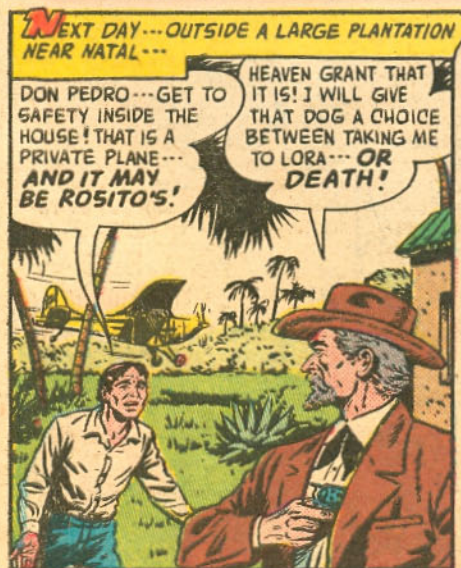
THAT'S JUST THE SPOT FOR A **MURDER ANGLE**, STEVE... GET IN TOUCH WITH INSPECTOR GRAVEL FOR THE DETAILS! AND BY THE WAY, PAL... I'M BORROWING THE "**HERALD**" PLANE... **FOR A BUSINESS TRIP!**



HOURS LATER... AFTER REFUELING AT HAVANA...

MITCH, IT'S WONDERFUL OF YOU TO WANT TO HELP US... **BUT YOU'RE RISKING YOUR LIFE!** ROSITO AND HIS ACCOMPLICES ARE HEAVILY-ARMED... AND THE PEASANTS ARE TOO TERRIFIED TO RESIST!

HONEY, IF THERE'S ONE THING A REPORTER LEARNS... IT'S HOW TO HANDLE PEOPLE! I'LL FIND AN ANGLE... **SOMEHOW!**



NEXT DAY... OUTSIDE A LARGE PLANTATION NEAR NATAL...

DON PEDRO... GET TO SAFETY INSIDE THE HOUSE! THAT IS A PRIVATE PLANE... **AND IT MAY BE ROSITO'S!**

HEAVEN GRANT THAT IT IS! I WILL GIVE THAT DOG A CHOICE BETWEEN TAKING ME TO LORA... **OR DEATH!**



FATHER!

SHE HAS RETURNED, DON PEDRO! YOUR DAUGHTER IS SAFE!



MITCH JACKSON CAME CLOSE TO UPSETTING ROSITO'S PLANS ALTOGETHER, FATHER... BUT I'LL LET HIM TELL YOU THE REST!

A MARAVAL NEVER FORGETS A FRIEND! ASK WHAT YOU WILL... **YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!**

MINUTES LATER... AS MITCH UNFOLDS HIS STRATEGY...

YOU SAY ROSITO'S REGULAR LANDING FIELD IS TWENTY KILOMETERS FROM HERE... **MEANING WE CAN STILL INTERCEPT HIS PLANE!** LET THE PEASANTS KEEP HIDDEN IF THEY'RE AFRAID... BUT I WANT THEM ON THE SPOT TO SEE WHAT'S IN THAT BAG... **AFTER YOU AND I JUMP THOSE NO-GOODS!**

I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON AN AMERICAN... FOR THE FIRST GOOD FIGHT I'VE HAD IN YEARS! WE'LL TAKE TWO TRUCKS... AND PICK UP EVERY PEASANT THEY CAN HOLD ALONG THE WAY!



SOON AFTERWARD...

NEVER BEFORE HAS ANYONE DARED OPPOSE ROSITO! I WILL SAY THIS MUCH FOR DON PEDRO AND THE AMERICAN... THEY ARE **MEN!**

TRUE... BUT WHAT OF ROSITO'S PROMISES? DOES HE NOT PLEDGE WE WILL ALL BE PROSPEROUS... IF WE JOIN HIS CAUSE?



A MOMENT LATER...

DON PEDRO!



YEP... AND GUESS WHO ELSE!

BANG!



FOLLOWED US, EH? BRAZIL IS A BIG COUNTRY, JACKSON... WITH PLENTY OF LAND TO **BURY YOU IN!**



BRAZIL ALSO KNOWS HOW TO BURY TRAITORS, DOG!

COME ON... NEVER MIND THE SUITCASE! WE'LL RECOVER IT LATER... WHEN I'VE ASSEMBLED ENOUGH MEN TO BURN THAT OLD FOOL'S PLANTATION TO THE GROUND!

BANG!



THIS IS WHAT ROSITO COMMITTED MURDER FOR IN THE UNITED STATES... **WITCHES'-BROOM!** HE PLANNED TO WIPE OUT YOUR COCOA TREES... THE HERITAGE YOU RECEIVED FROM YOUR FATHERS... THE ONLY WEALTH YOU CAN PASS ON TO YOUR SONS! YOU WOULD BE REDUCED TO RAGS... SO THAT COMMUNISM COULD WIN A STEALTHY VICTORY OVER FREEDOM!

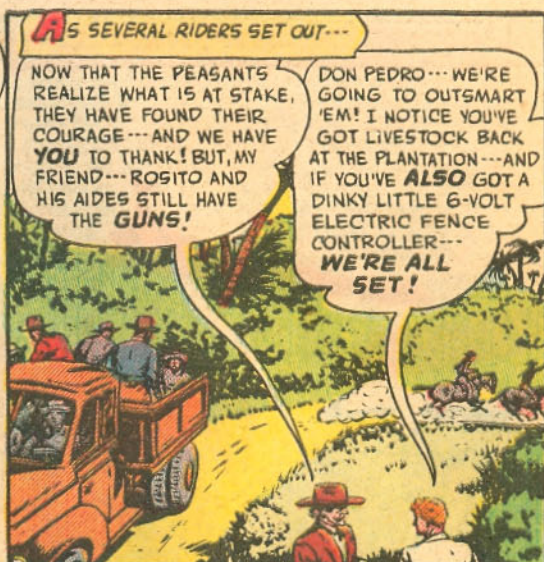
YOU AND YOUR AMERICAN FRIEND HAVE SAVED OUR PLANTATIONS, DON PEDRO! BUT OUR **LIVES** WILL STILL BE THREATENED... IF WE **TURN AGAINST ROSITO!**





ARE YOU GOING TO LET IT GO AT THAT-- AND SIT BACK WHILE ROSITO AND HIS GUNMEN BURN OUT THE VERY MAN WHO HAS HELPED YOU? ROSITO CAN'T BE STOPPED UNLESS ALL OF YOU DO YOUR PART--AND THAT MEANS STRIKING AT HIS HEADQUARTERS NOW!

THE AMERICAN IS RIGHT--IT IS TIME WE PROVED WE ARE MEN OF HONOR AND COURAGE! SPREAD THE WORD--ROUSE YOUR NEIGHBORS--THIS IS THE MOMENT TO ACT!



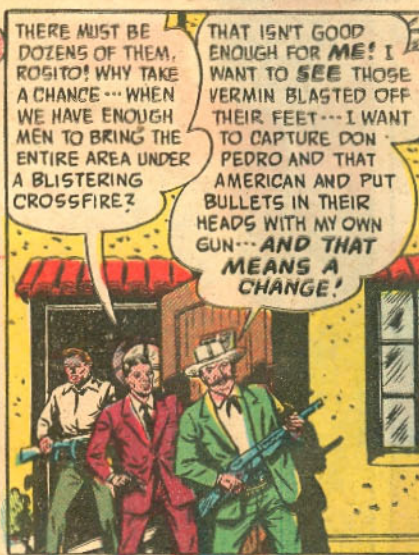
NOW THAT THE PEASANTS REALIZE WHAT IS AT STAKE, THEY HAVE FOUND THEIR COURAGE--AND WE HAVE YOU TO THANK! BUT, MY FRIEND--ROSITO AND HIS AIDES STILL HAVE THE GUNS!

DON PEDRO--WE'RE GOING TO OUTSMART 'EM! I NOTICE YOU'VE GOT LIVESTOCK BACK AT THE PLANTATION--AND IF YOU'VE ALSO GOT A DINKY LITTLE 6-VOLT ELECTRIC FENCE CONTROLLER--WE'RE ALL SET!



WE ARE WAITING, ROSITO! ARE YOU AND YOUR COWARDS AFRAID TO FIGHT?

THAT'S IT! KEEP HIDDEN IN CASE THEY OPEN FIRE--AND LURE 'EM OUT!



THERE MUST BE DOZENS OF THEM, ROSITO! WHY TAKE A CHANCE--WHEN WE HAVE ENOUGH MEN TO BRING THE ENTIRE AREA UNDER A BLISTERING CROSSFIRE?

THAT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME! I WANT TO SEE THOSE VERMIN BLASTED OFF THEIR FEET--I WANT TO CAPTURE DON PEDRO AND THAT AMERICAN AND PUT BULLETS IN THEIR HEADS WITH MY OWN GUN--AND THAT MEANS A CHANGE!



AS THE PLOTTERS RUSH BLUNDERINGLY AGAINST THE CONCEALED WIRE--

UGH! BANG! CRA-ACK! OKAY, PALS--GRAB THOSE GUNS!



IN A SLASHING COUNTERATTACK--

WE REPORTERS LIKE THE PERSONAL TOUCH, RAT!

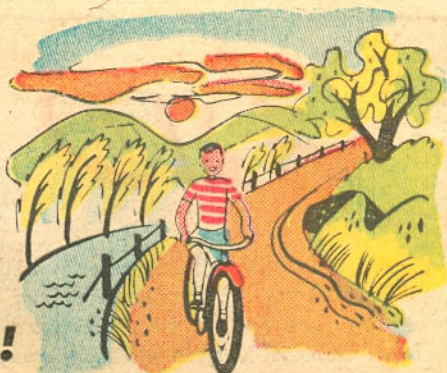


LATER-- YOU HAVE HELPED US UPROOT A MENACE THAT WOULD HAVE DESTROYED OUR WAY OF LIFE, MITCH! NOW I CAN LIVE IN PEACE IN THE SPOT TO WHICH I HAVE GIVEN A LIFETIME OF TOIL--WITH MY TREES AND CENTURY PLANTS!

DID YOU SAY CENTURY PLANTS? DON PEDRO, THERE'S A SUBJECT YOU AND I ARE GOING TO TALK ABOUT--SO I'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH MY EDITOR!

"CHAIN REACTION"

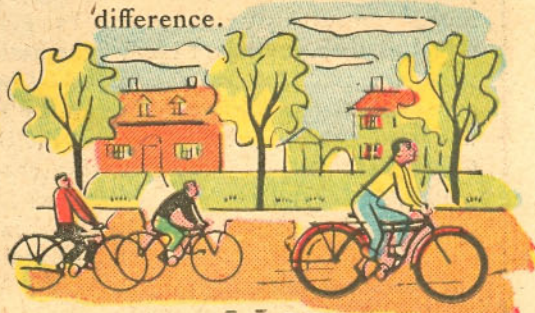
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END *of the* TRAIL

ALTHOUGH HE HAD been on the same assignment for four years, Special Agent Dick Taylor had never for a moment been bored. Nor, in all that time, had he ever caught even a glimpse of the man he had been given orders to track down at any cost: Gunther Friedrich, who had been one of the six highest figures in the Nazi Espionage Service. The others had been rounded up quickly after the war, but Friedrich had time and again eluded the nationwide dragnet. Several times he had been apparently trapped; somehow, when the trap was sprung, the prey had fled. But the U.S. Government never gave up the chase.

Dick Taylor had read the voluminous files of information on Friedrich, had spoken to dozens of the man's ex-friends, had visited his birthplace, his early haunts, had spoken to members of his family, visited old girl friends; in short, he had studied Friedrich's habits so thoroughly that he sometimes thought he knew more about him than he knew about himself. And Friedrich had turned out to be a fascinating character, a man of many and varied talents, with a brilliantly swift and calculating mind, utterly ruthless and daring in his dealings with other human beings.

At times Taylor despaired of ever bringing his man to justice. He had chased him all over Germany, following leads, tips, rumors, hunches...anything! Two years before, he had actually cornered Friedrich in a small hotel, only to find nothing but the signs of a hasty departure when he broke into his room. A year before, the trail had led out of Germany, across the face of Europe, over the Alps and into Switzerland, down Italy, across the Mediterranean and into Africa, all the way south to Johannesburg, and then back up over the vast continent to arrive again in Europe.

Dick Taylor often wondered whether he was chasing a phantom or a flesh and blood human. The hunt had long since become a passion with him; he felt now that he HAD to land Friedrich...or lose his self-respect

and professional standing! He knew better than anyone that for four years he, one of America's ace operatives, had been made to look like a fool.

Three days before, the trail had suddenly blazed. An anonymous tip had led to a Munich hotel in Dorfsgasse Street, which Taylor had put under personal surveillance. And finally...

Yes, Friedrich's disguise was marvelous, but Taylor knew his habits too well, had studied too closely his mannerisms, the way he carried his head and shoulders...everything! The man he had seen slouch swiftly into the hotel towards midnight WAS Friedrich...no doubt about it!

It was hard restraining himself from trying to make an immediate arrest. No, that might be disastrous, for who knew what tricks Friedrich was capable of? Better to do things in orderly fashion, so that there would be no possibility of escape. By the next morning everything was ready; the hotel was surrounded. Taylor smiled as he hefted his pistol and placed his fist over the doorknob leading to Friedrich's room. "In just 30 seconds," he thought, "four years of effort will be rewarded!"

He blasted the door open with a vicious kick and leaped forward, but suddenly...he stopped, cold! For there, lying awkwardly on the bed, was the body of Gunther Friedrich, stiff with death...and in his hand was a neatly written note. Taylor pounced on it.

"Dear Mr. Taylor," it said, "I have given up interest in the chase. For four years you have dogged my footsteps, interrupted my sleep, given me no peace. I suppose I could keep a jump ahead of you for the next twenty years, but it's hardly worth it. And so, I am taking the easy way out. You win!"

Taylor shook his head sadly. "No," he said aloud, looking at the corpse, "I haven't really won! Because what I wanted more than anything else was the satisfaction of bringing you in alive!"

SLY SPIES

IN THE 4TH CENTURY B.C., LEONIDAS, KING OF SPARTA, LED AN INVASION ARMY AGAINST A PERSIAN WALLED CITY ATOP A DENSELY WOODED HILL...AND THE HILL, ITSELF WAS DOTTED WITH HEAVILY-DEFENDED VILLAGES SET IN WOODS! HOW WOULD **YOU** HAVE GONE ABOUT CAPTURING THE ENTIRE HILL, READER?

HERE'S WHAT LEONIDAS DID!

YOU ARE MY MOST TRUSTED SPIES! I WANT EACH OF YOU TO GO INTO THE WOODS AND SPY OUT SITES AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE VILLAGES ON THE HILL...AND THEN...



THAT NIGHT, THE PERSIAN SENTRIES ON THE RAMPARTS OF THE WALLED CITY SENT WORD THAT THE VILLAGE CLOSEST TO THE FOOT OF THE HILL AND NEAREST TO THE ENEMY SEEMED TO BE AFIRE...AND SOON AFTERWARDS, A FEW MORE FIRES BROKE OUT, EACH ONE APPARENTLY FURTHER UP THE HILL...

THE SPARTANS MUST BE ON THE MARCH!



YES...THEY ALREADY SEEM TO HAVE SACKED AND BURNED THREE OF OUR VILLAGES!

BUT IN THE SUPPOSEDLY "BURNING" VILLAGES...

THE SPARTAN FOOLS...DO THEY THINK THEY CAN SMOKE US OUT BY LIGHTING LARGE FIRES NEAR OUR VILLAGES?



BUT UNDER COVER OF THE HEAVY SMOKE SCREEN WHICH THE SPARTAN SPIES HAD PRODUCED BY SETTING THE WOODS AFIRE...

THE PERSIAN FOOLS...IT IS CHILD'S PLAY TO SNEAK PAST THEIR VILLAGES WHILE THEY ARE DISTRACTED BY THE FIRES!



ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT, THE WORRIED PERSIAN CHIEFTAINS LOOKED DOWN AT THE STEADILY-INCREASING NUMBER OF FIRES BELOW THEM...

EACH FIRE IS JUST ABOUT WHERE ONE OF OUR STRONGLY-DEFENDED TOWNS IS LOCATED! THE SPARTANS MUST BE OVERCOMING OUR HILL VILLAGES ONE BY ONE BEFORE PUTTING THEM TO THE TORCH!

YES...AND EACH FIRE SEEMS TO BE FURTHER UP THE HILL...CLOSER TO US!



FINALLY, TOWARD DAWN...

COMMANDER...FIVE GREAT FIRES
HAVE JUST BROKEN OUT AT
THE VERY EDGE OF THE FOREST
...JUST BELOW OUR CITY!

IT...IT CAN ONLY MEAN
ONE THING...THE SPAR-
TANS MUST HAVE SWEEPED
THROUGH THE WOODS
WITH SUCH AN OVER-
WHELMING FORCE DURING
THE NIGHT THAT THEY DESTROYED OUR
ENTIRE ARMY ON THE
SLOPES OF THE HILL!



AND AS SUN ROSE...

**DEATH TO ALL
PERSIANS!**

**THE
SPARTANS
ATTACK!**



COMMANDER...IF THE SPARTANS
CONQUERED OUR ARMY ON THE
HILL IN ONE SINGLE NIGHT, IT
WOULD BE **SUICIDE** FOR US
TO TRY TO STOP THEM!

YOU...YOU ARE
RIGHT! **SOUND
THE RETREAT...
ABANDON THE
CITY!**



THUS, WITH
SCARCELY THE
LOSS OF A
MAN, LEONIDAS
CAPTURED THE
WALLED CITY
AND SENT THE
PANIC-STRICKEN
PERSIANS FLEEING
DOWN THE
OTHER SIDE
OF THE
HILL!



THEN, AS
THE SPARTANS
SWOOPED DOWN
FROM THE WALL-
ED CITY, WHICH
THE PERSIANS
BELOW HAD
THOUGHT WAS
OCCUPIED BY
THEIR MAIN
ARMY...

THE SPARTANS HAVE
CONQUERED THE CITY
...AND OUR MAIN
ARMY!

WHAT CHANCE
IS THERE FOR
OUR SMALLER
NUMBERS? LET
US SURRENDER
...BEFORE WE
ARE ANNIHILATED!

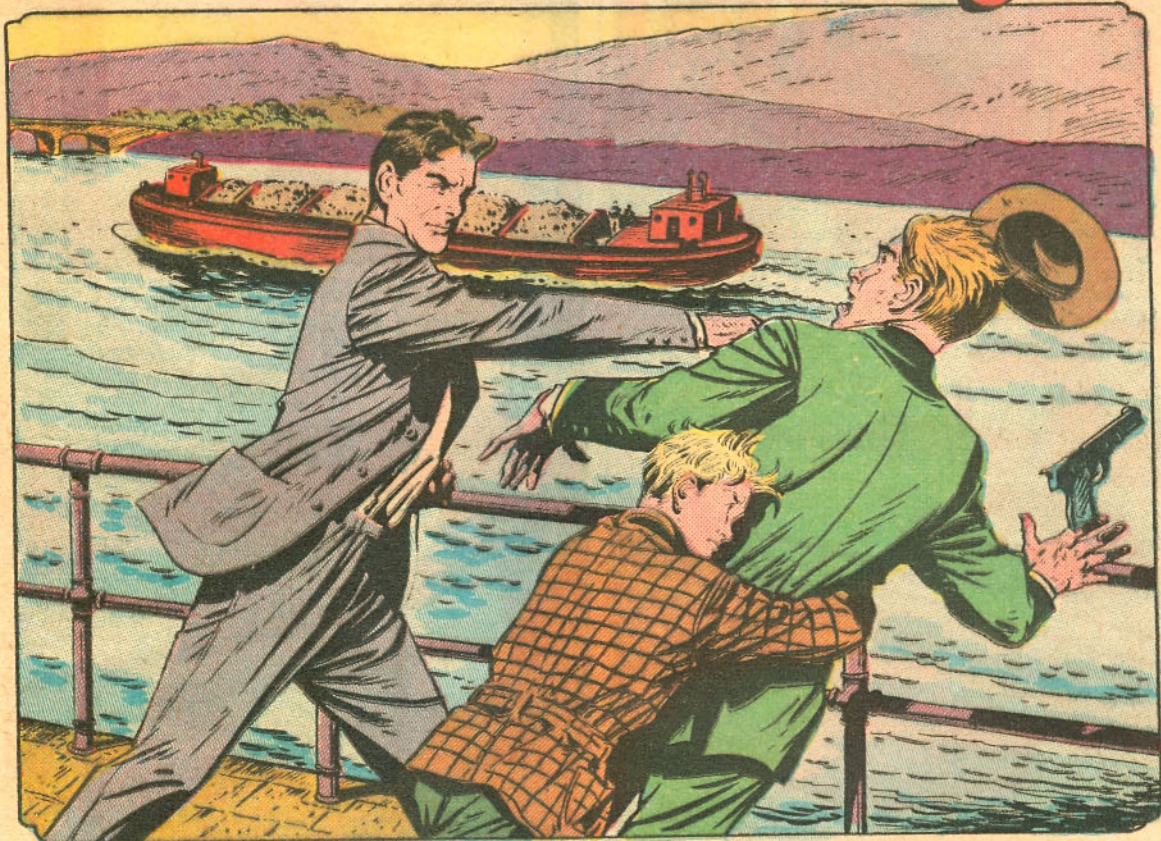


WITH THE
PERSIANS UTTERLY
DEFEATED, LEONIDAS
BESTOWED A
CHEST OF GOLD AND
JEWELS UPON
EACH OF HIS
ARSONIST-
SPIES, WHO
HAD ACCOMPLISH-
ED WHAT AN
ENTIRE ARMY
WOULD HAVE
FAILED TO DO!



SABOTAGE is one of the greatest menaces that threaten America's security... and it's every citizen's duty to be constantly vigilant! For no one knows where spies and saboteurs are planning to strike next, and **YOU** may be called upon to prevent a catastrophe --- just as Bobby Smith was in

Soo Canal Sabotage!



THE SCENE: A HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM IN SAULT SAINT MARIE, MICHIGAN...

I WONDER HOW MANY OF YOU REALIZE THAT YOUR OWN CITY CONTAINS THE MOST IMPORTANT MILE IN AMERICA AND THE GREATEST SHIP HIGHWAY IN THE WORLD --- A CANAL WHOSE ANNUAL SHIP TONNAGE IS GREATER THAN THAT OF THE COMBINED TRAFFIC OF THE PANAMA, SUEZ AND KIEL CANALS!

Economic Geography...
TODAY'S TOPIC ---
The SOO CANAL

YES, THE SOO CANAL SYSTEM, WHICH CONNECTS LAKE SUPERIOR WITH LAKE HURON, IS THE LIFELINE OF AMERICAN HEAVY INDUSTRY --- FOR IT CARRIES OVER 90% OF UNITED STATES IRON ORE FROM THE MINES TO THE DEFENSE PLANTS AND FACTORIES OF THE MIDWEST AND EAST!

GOLLY, IF THE SOO CANAL IS *THAT* IMPORTANT, I'LL BET THERE ARE PLENTY OF ENEMY SPIES WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT DESTROYED!

SAY, GUYS, HOW ABOUT US ORGANIZING A SORT OF **JUNIOR ESPIONAGE CORPS** TO PREVENT THE SUEZ CANAL FROM BEING SABOTAGED?

AW, YOU'VE BEEN READING TOO MANY **SPY STORIES**, BOBBY!

YEAH, YOU'D BE SCARED STIFF IF YOU EVER **DID** MEET WITH A **REAL** SABOTEUR!

IF I WERE A SPY, I'D **WANT** AMERICANS NOT TO WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE CANAL! WAIT --- I'VE GOT AN **IDEA!** IN THE SPY STORIES I'VE READ, THE HERO SOMETIMES TRIES TO PREDICT A SPY'S MOVES BY SAYING, "NOW, IF I WERE A SPY, WHAT WOULD **MY** NEXT MOVE BE?" WELL, IF I WERE A SPY, I'D PROBABLY BE SKULKING AROUND THE CANAL RIGHT NOW --- **SO THAT'S WHERE I'M HEADING!**

SOON AFTERWARD...

NOW, LET'S SEE --- IF I WERE A SPY, HOW WOULD I GO ABOUT SABOTAGING THE CANAL? WELL, I MIGHT TRY THROWING A TIME BOMB INTO THE WATER ---!

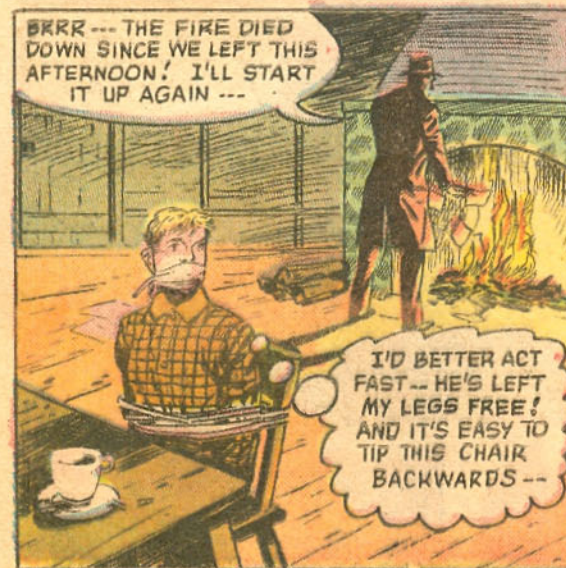
HEY --- THAT DECK-HAND IS THROWING SOMETHING INTO THE CANAL --- AND IT **COULD** BE A BOMB!

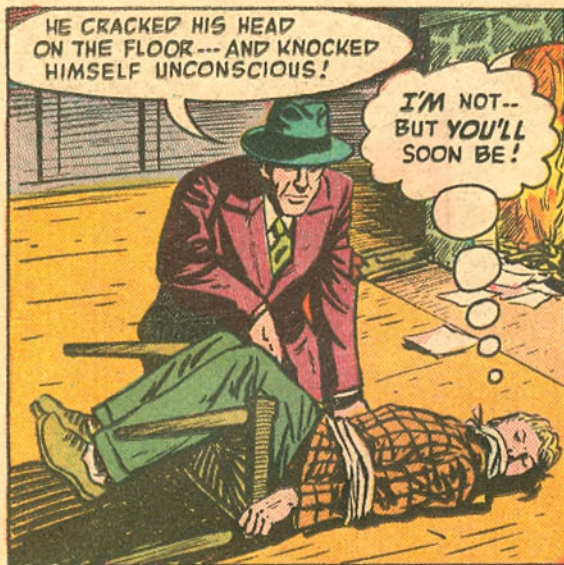
GRAB THAT SAILOR, SOMEONE --- **GRAB HIM!**

BETTER SEIZE THAT BOY, KETAN --- BEFORE SOMEONE STARTS PAYING ATTENTION TO HIM!

HEY --- WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME!

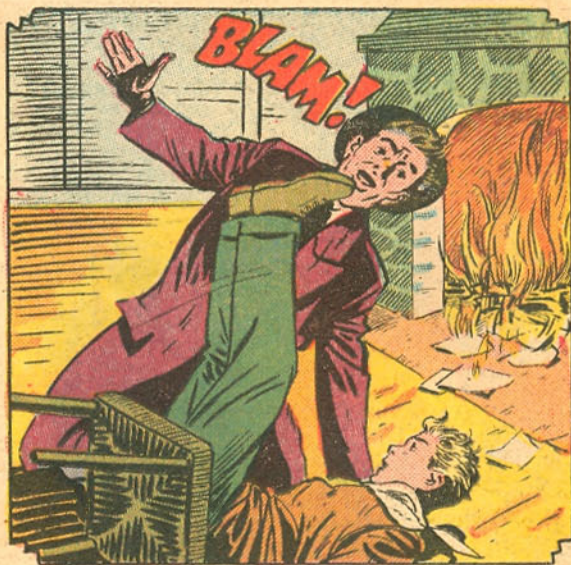
GET INTO THAT CAR, YOU LITTLE BRAT -- OR ELSE!





HE CRACKED HIS HEAD
ON THE FLOOR---AND KNOCKED
HIMSELF UNCONSCIOUS!

I'M NOT--
BUT YOU'LL
SOON BE!



BLAM!



OUT COLD--AND THE BURNING
EMBERS HE SCATTERED FROM THE
FIREPLACE ARE SETTING THE PLACE
AFLEAME! I'D BETTER TRY
BURNING MY BONDS OFF
FAST--IF I'M TO GET
OUT OF HERE
ALIVE!



BRIEF MINUTES LATER...

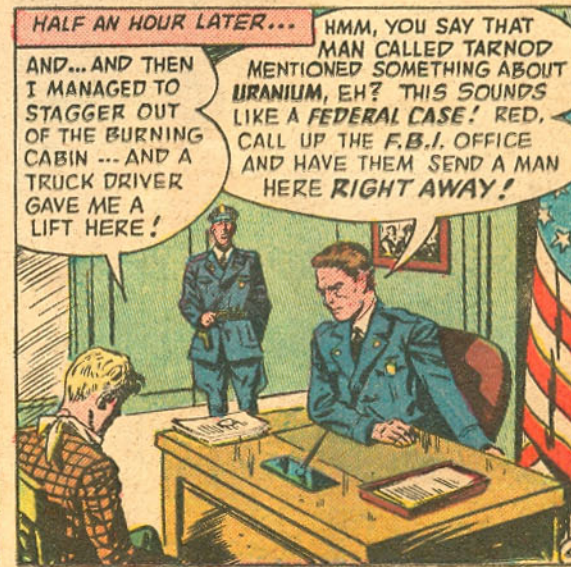
THE WHOLE
HOUSE IS GOING UP---AND THAT
GUARD ALONG WITH IT! AND I
STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN
MY HANDS FREE!



THERE!
MADE IT!



THERE---THERE WAS NO
TIME TO DRAG KETAN'S
BODY OUT---HE WAS
PROBABLY DEAD ANYWAY!
NOW TO GET ONTO THE
ROAD AND CATCH A LIFT
TO THE STATE HIGHWAY
PATROL STATION!



HALF AN HOUR LATER...

AND...AND THEN
I MANAGED TO
STAGGER OUT
OF THE BURNING
CABIN---AND A
TRUCK DRIVER
GAVE ME A
LIFT HERE!

HMM, YOU SAY THAT
MAN CALLED TARNOD
MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT
URANIUM, EH? THIS SOUNDS
LIKE A FEDERAL CASE! RED,
CALL UP THE F.B.I. OFFICE
AND HAVE THEM SEND A MAN
HERE **RIGHT AWAY!**

AN HOUR LATER, AFTER BOBBY REPEATS HIS STORY TO A FEDERAL AGENT...

AND YOU THINK THOSE MEN ARE SPIES OR SABOTEURS, EH, BOBBY? WELL, WE HAVE BEEN SHIPPING CRUDE URANIUM ORE THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL TO THE REFINING PLANTS --- BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY ANY SABOTEUR WOULD WANT TO THROW CHUNKS OF IT INTO THE CANAL! IN ITS UNREFINED STATE, IT

SHOULDN'T CAUSE ANY TROUBLE!

WAIT -- I THINK I KNOW WHAT I'D DO IF I WERE A SPY!



IN OUR CHEM CLASS, WE WERE TAUGHT THAT ATOMIC EXPLOSION CAN'T TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE URANIUM REACHES A CERTAIN SIZE CALLED THE "CRITICAL MASS"! IF I WERE A SPY, I'D SMUGGLE **PURE** URANIUM ONTO THOSE ORE BARGES AND TOSS A LITTLE OF IT OVERBOARD EACH TIME THE BARGE PASSED A CERTAIN SPOT IN THE CANAL! THE CRITICAL MASS COULD BE MORE EASILY REACHED **THAT WAY** -- AND THE WHOLE CANAL **WRECKED BY AN ATOMIC BLAST!**

I THINK YOU'VE GOT SOME-THING THERE!



THERE'S NO BARGE TRAFFIC SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT --- SO YOU'RE COMING WITH US ON A LITTLE **FISHING TRIP!** WE'LL GET A POLICE DREDGING LAUNCH, AND YOU'LL SHOW US JUST WHERE YOU SAW THAT DECK-HAND THROW SOMETHING OVERBOARD!

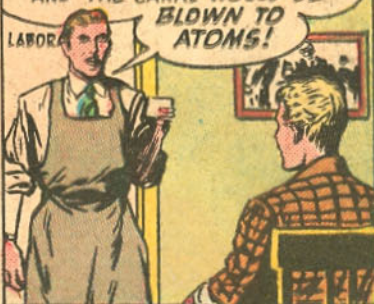
THAT NIGHT, ON THE SUEZ CANAL...

WHATEVER IT IS THEY'RE DRAGGING UP FROM THIS SPOT, BOBBY, IT'S CERTAINLY MAKING THIS GEIGER COUNTER SHAKE ITS BOLTS! AS SOON AS WE'VE GOT IT ABOARD, WE'LL RUSH IT TO OUR LAB FOR ANALYSIS!



TOWARD DAWN, IN F.B.I. HEADQUARTERS...

WELL, WE FOUND OUT WHAT THAT CHUNK OF METAL WAS THAT WE FISHED OUT OF THE CANAL, BOBBY --- **PURE URANIUM!** IF ENOUGH OF IT WAS DUMPED IN THE SAME SPOT, THE CRITICAL MASS WOULD SOON BE REACHED --- AND THE CANAL WOULD BE **BLOWN TO ATOMS!**



AND I THINK I SEE THE WHOLE PLOT NOW! ALL BARGES GOING THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL ARE TESTED BY GEIGER COUNTERS TO SEE IF THEY CONTAIN ANY ATOMIC EXPLOSIVES! BUT THE SPY RING SMUGGLED **PURE** URANIUM ABOARD THE URANIUM ORE BARGES, WHICH **ALWAYS** SHOW UP RADIOACTIVE ON THE GEIGER COUNTERS! THAT WAY, THEY EVADED OUR DETECTION DEVICES ---

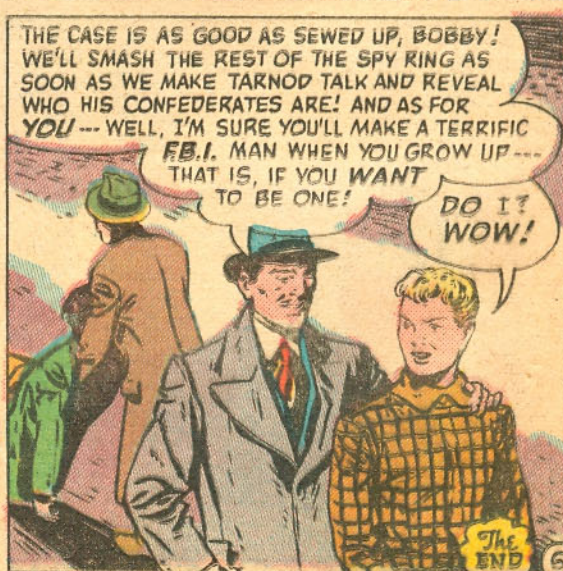
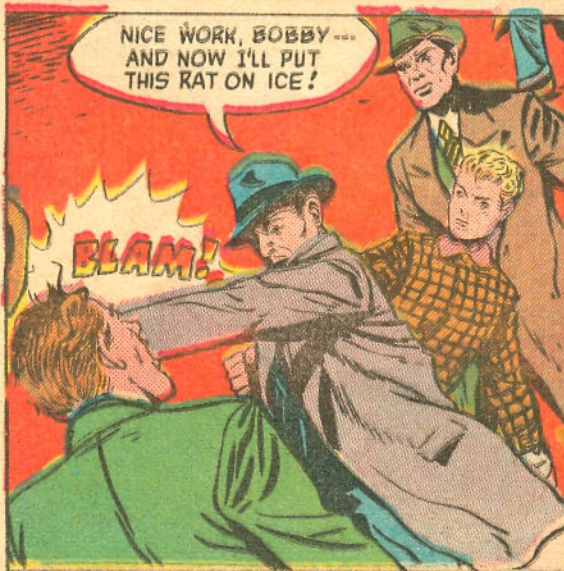
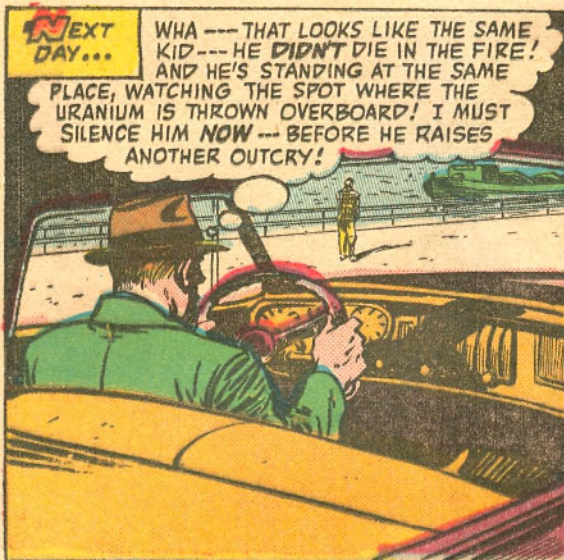
AND WERE ABLE TO DUMP THE **PURE** URANIUM OVERBOARD LITTLE BY LITTLE AT THE SAME SPOT!



DREDGING UP SOME OF THAT URANIUM MEANS THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID OF THE CRITICAL MASS BEING REACHED SOON --- SO NOW WE CAN CONCENTRATE ON CATCHING THE **LEADER** OF THE GANG! WE'RE GOING TO SEND OUT RADIO AND NEWSPAPER FLASHES SAYING THAT TWO BODIES BURNED BEYOND RECOGNITION WERE FOUND IN THAT SHACK YOU ESCAPED FROM --- SO WHEN TARNOD HEARS OF IT, HE'LL THINK HIS SECRET IS STILL SAFE! HE'LL SHOW UP SOONER OR LATER TO CHECK ON THE NEXT URANIUM DUMPING --- AND YOU'LL BE THERE **AS BAIT!**

I... I KNOW I'LL BE SCARED --- BUT I'LL DO IT!





SPY HUNTER HEROES

COUNTER ESPIONAGE
AGENT R493



AS A MEMBER OF THE U.S. COUNTER-ESPIONAGE CORPS, I'M NOT ALLOWED TO GIVE YOU MY **REAL NAME**... BUT THE UNDERCOVER NAME I USED IN MY LAST CASE WAS **CHARLES DAWSON**. MY ASSIGNMENT WAS TO TEAM UP WITH ONE OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT'S NEWEST GEOLOGISTS, A CHAP NAMED **GUY BLAKE**... WHOSE ACTIONS WERE SUSPICIOUS! BLAKE HAD SURVEYED SOME OF THE MOST PROMISING URANIUM-BEARING AREAS IN THE COLORADO MOUNTAINS, BUT HAD FAILED TO REPORT A SINGLE FIND... AND WHEN ANOTHER GEOLOGIST HAD CHECKED UP ON ONE OF BLAKE'S AREAS, AND FOUND A URANIUM DEPOSIT, I WAS ASSIGNED TO CHECK UP ON **BLAKE!**

POSING AS ANOTHER GOVERNMENT GEOLOGIST, I JOINED BLAKE IN COVERING A HITHERTO UNSURVEYED AREA!

EARPHONES ON GEIGER COUNTERS WENT OUT OF DATE LONG AGO, DAWSON... HOW COME YOU'RE NOT USING THE LATEST MODEL, LIKE **MINE?**

THIS WAS THE KIND THEY HAD WHEN I GOT MY TRAINING, BLAKE... GUESS I'M KIND OF USED TO IT!



SOON AFTERWARDS...

WE'D BETTER **SEPARATE!** WE CAN COVER A WIDER TERRITORY SINGLY THAN TOGETHER!

I'D BETTER AGREE... HE'D GET SUSPICIOUS IF I INSISTED ON ACCOMPANYING HIM!

OKAY... MEET YOU HERE AROUND DUSK!



BLAKE **MIGHT** BE A FOREIGN AGENT WHO INFILTRATED INTO GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN ORDER TO **SABOTAGE** OUR URANIUM-PROSPECTING PROGRAM! MAYBE HE'S NOT REPORTING URANIUM FINDS, SO THAT OTHER ENEMY AGENTS CAN MINE THEM IN SECRET FOR THEIR **OWN** USE! IF ONLY I COULD THINK OF A WAY OF **TRAPPING** HIM... WAIT... WHAT'S THAT NOISE AROUND THAT BEND?



AS I CAUTIOUSLY EDGED AROUND THE TURN...

OH-OH, A **RATTLESNAKE!** LUCKY I WASN'T WEARING THE EARPHONES, OR I'D **NEVER** HAVE HEARD THE WARNING RATTLE... SAY, THAT GIVES ME AN **IDEA!** BUT I'D BETTER SCRAM BEFORE HE GETS **NASTY!**



TOWARD DUSK...

HI, DAWSON! ANY LUCK?

TERRIFIC!

I MADE THE URANIUM FIND OF THE CENTURY... AND I'M GOING TO REPORT IT TO HEAD-QUARTERS ON MY WALKIE-TALKIE **RIGHT NOW!**



AS I UNSLING MY PACK NEAR BLAKE'S GEIGER COUNTER.

HUH?
WHAT'S
THE GUN
FOR?

DROP THAT WALKIE-TALKIE,
OR I'LL DROP YOU
WITH A BULLET IN YOUR
HEART!



YOU'RE NOT REPORTING THAT URANIUM
FIND, BECAUSE **MY** COMMUNIST SUPERIORS
WILL WANT TO MINE SUCH A RICH STRIKE
THEMSELVES! YOU'RE GOING TO LEAD ME
TO THAT URANIUM FIELD...UNLESS YOU
WANT TO DIE!...
MESSILY!



I KNEW HE'D SHOOT
ME ANYWAY JUST AS
SOON AS I REVEALED
THE MINE SITE...SO,
DESPERATELY, I
FLUNG THE GEIGER
COUNTER WITH
ALL MY MIGHT,
STRAIGHT AT
HIM, HOPING
HIS SHOT
WOULD GO
WILD...
BUT..."

OOOF!
MY
SHOULDER!

WHAM!

BANG!



YOU FOOL... I CAN MAKE YOU
DIE **SLOWLY** UNLESS YOU
SHOW ME THE URANIUM
STRIKE!

I... I CAN'T
STAND ...
PAIN! OKAY,
BLAKE... YOU...
YOU **WIN!** I'LL
DO AS YOU
SAY!



MY GEIGER COUNTER
SMASHED WHEN IT FELL
TO THE GROUND, SO I'LL
TAKE **YOURS...** TO MAKE
SURE YOU TAKE ME TO THE
RIGHT PLACE!

MY PLAN IS
WORKING... HE'LL
HAVE TO PUT ON
THOSE EARPHONES!



JUST BEFORE DARK--

THE URANIUM FIELD
IS JUST AROUND
THAT BEND...CAN
YOU HEAR THE
GEIGER COUNTER
CLICKING?

I HEAR **SOME-**
THING, BUT I
CAN'T MAKE IT
OUT! GET
AROUND THAT
BEND, DAWSON
...BUT I WARN
YOU, IF THIS IS
A TRICK, YOU'LL
REGRET IT!





Jimmy Wing's ORDEAL

HE COULDN'T TAKE the pain much longer. For twelve hours he'd been subjected to the gamut of torture, but still the Red tormenters hadn't made him talk. But they would, he knew, before long.

Jimmy Wing had been one of the luckier South Koreans. He'd been educated in California, and when the Communists invaded his country, he had immediately volunteered for service with Army Intelligence Liason. He had only recently become an American citizen, and, as he said, "I want to earn my right to it on the field of battle!" For eleven months he had done yeoman service behind Red lines, and it had been only bad luck which finally trapped him. Who could foresee that an important South Korean general would recognize him? Who could have known that Wong Ling-tung, his father's old friend, had become a Communist overlord?

Hanging by his aching wrists from a rafter in the Pyongyang dungeon, Jimmy wondered whether he could stand another brutal session of interrogation. "If only they'd untie my hands," he thought. "Maybe I could use that picthite, after all!"

The newly developed explosive... picthite...that was his last hope. The army had strapped a small stick to his body, and coated it with a flesh-like plastic. All Jimmy had to do, if he could, was press the percussion cap, and he would blow himself and anybody within 50 yards to smithereens. He might have used it when first trapped, but his lightning-like brain had instantly ordered him to wait. "If you're going to take any of the enemy with you," it said, "make them big shots!"

The iron door of the dungeon clanged open. "Well, fool?" asked a guard. "Ready to talk...or do you crave more punishment?" The sadistic face twisted into a leer. "General Kam Ri-sung and the others are waiting!"

"General Ri-sung?" stammered Jimmy through swollen lips. "Chief of Staff of

the 4th Communist Corps...here?"

"Yes, dog, *here!*"

"Take me to him...I wish to confess... everything..."

The guards quickly untied him from the rafter, but immediately lashed his hands behind his back. "What rotten luck," he thought. "I've got to get my hands free, somehow...or this will be useless!"

They dragged him upstairs, where a roomful of Red overlords grinned contemptuously. "Is the prisoner ready to talk?" asked a colonel.

"Yes," murmured Jimmy, "but...what will happen to me afterwards?"

"You will die!" shouted General Ri-sung himself. "But less painfully... *much* less painfully!"

"Then untie my hands," the prisoner gasped. "I'll show you our positions on the map." As the guards moved to untie his thongs, General Wong Ling-tung, his father's old friend, shouted, "No! Keep away! This dog is tricky. Let his hands remain tied. He will point out the positions in other ways."

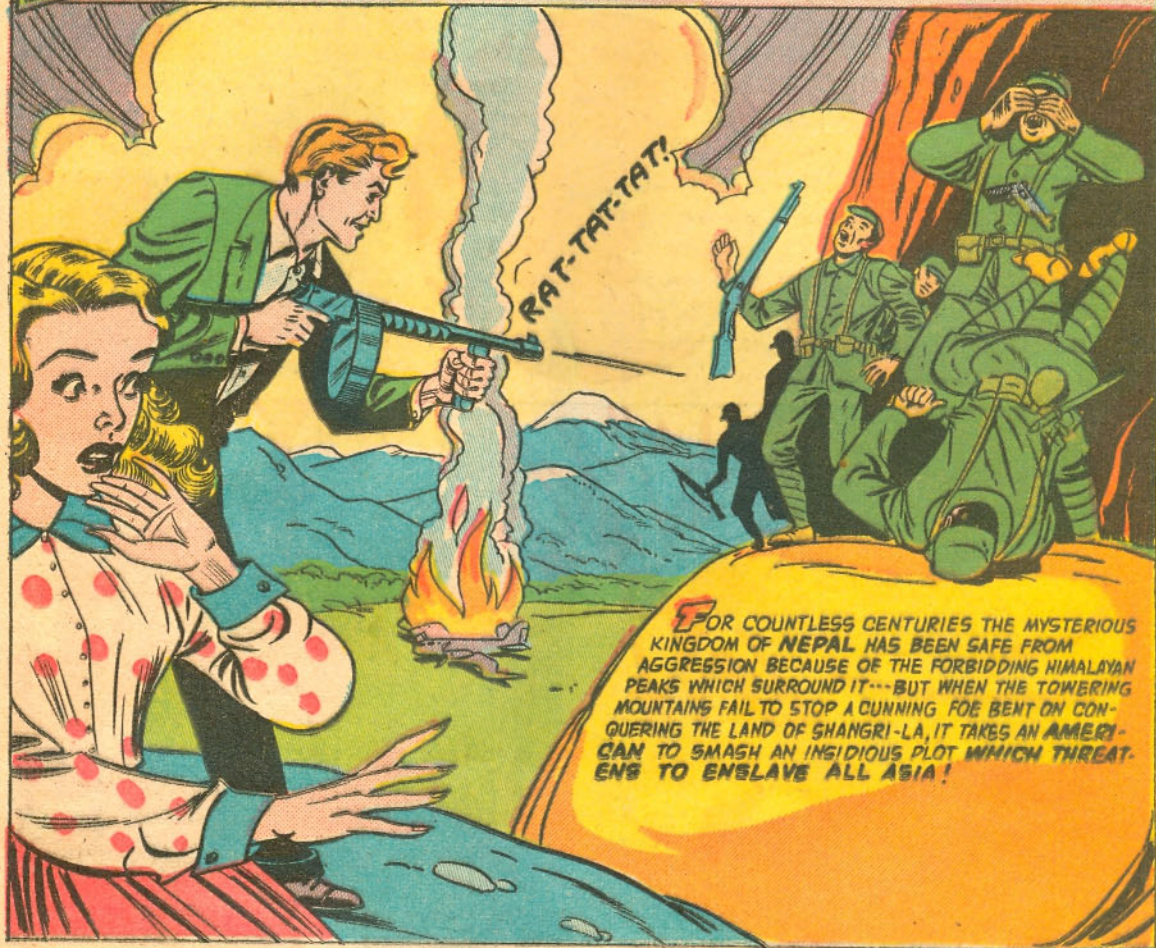
"Please, illustrious general," said Jimmy desperately. "I refer to the battle map of Allied forces strapped to my waist. Let me show it to you."

The group of Communist field officers crowded close, their eyes gleaming with anticipation. "Fool!" snorted Ri-sung, slapping the prisoner's swollen face, "we don't need your help. Guards, seize the captive's map!"

The explosion was terrific. Even the soldiers in the courtyard were flung violently to the ground by the blast which shattered the upper storeys of the huge communist prison. Later, when the smoke had cleared, and the rubble was cleared away, no definite trace could be found of the Chief of Staff, his aides, or the South Korean prisoner.

Jimmy Wing had indeed earned his right to American citizenship.

NIGHTMARE in NEPAL



FOR COUNTLESS CENTURIES THE MYSTERIOUS KINGDOM OF NEPAL HAS BEEN SAFE FROM AGGRESSION BECAUSE OF THE FORBIDDING HIMALAYAN PEAKS WHICH SURROUND IT---BUT WHEN THE TOWERING MOUNTAINS FAIL TO STOP A CUNNING FOE BENT ON CONQUERING THE LAND OF SHANGRI-LA, IT TAKES AN AMERICAN TO SMASH AN INSIDIOUS PLOT WHICH THREATENS TO ENSLAVE ALL ASIA!



I'M A CITIZEN OF NEPAL, THE TINY KINGDOM NESTLED IN THE HIMALAYA MOUNTAINS BETWEEN INDIA AND TIBET---WE NEPALESE BUSINESSMEN WANT YOU TO CONSTRUCT AIRFIELDS IN OUR COUNTRY, SO THAT WE CAN TRADE WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD MORE SWIFTLY! THERE'S NO OTHER ENGINEER WITH YOUR EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE ---SO NAME YOUR OWN PRICE!

I'M VERY SORRY, BUT I CAN'T AT THE MOMENT TAKE THE JOB--- YOU SEE, I'M LEAVING ON MY HONEYMOON NEXT WEEK!

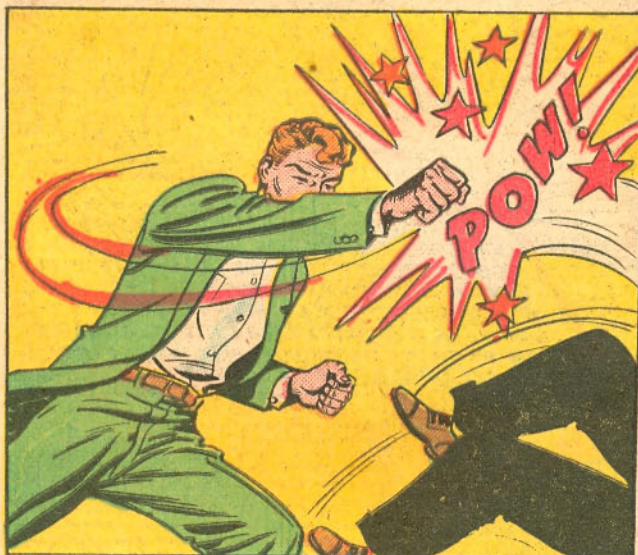
THEN BRING YOUR BRIDE ALONG WITH YOU TO NEPAL, THE FAMED LAND OF SHANGRI-LA!

SOUNDS INTERESTING, BUT I DON'T LIKE MIXING BUSINESS WITH PLEASURE! WE CAN DISCUSS THIS ANOTHER TIME--- GOOD DAY!

I WON'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER, MR. HOLLIS---YOUR PERSONAL PLANS ARE UNIMPORTANT! I AND MY COLLEAGUES HAVE MEANS OF **PERSUADING** YOU TO DO AS WE SAY---AND OUR MEANS MAY BE SOMEWHAT PAIN-

FUL TO A CERTAIN **MISS NANCY DESMOND!**

WHY, YOU **CONTEND- TIBLE CRUMB---**



THAT'S JUST A TASTE OF WHAT YOU'LL GET IF YOU TRY ANY FUNNY STUFF ON MISS DESMOND! NOW **CLEAR OUT!**

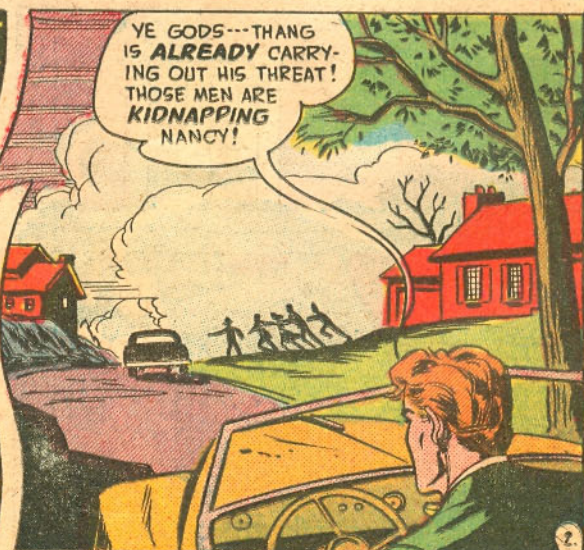
I WILL LEAVE--- BUT WE WILL MEET **AGAIN, MR. HOLLIS! THANG DOES NOT FORGET!**



HE'S JUST A CRANK---HE WOULDN'T **DARE** HARM NANCY! BUT HE LOOKS LIKE A DESPERATE CHARACTER ---I THINK I'LL GET OVER TO NANCY'S HOUSE PRONTO---JUST IN CASE!



YE GODS---THANG IS **ALREADY** CARRYING OUT HIS THREAT! THOSE MEN ARE **KIDNAPPING NANCY!**





2 DAYS LATER, HIGH OVER THE HIMALAYAS---

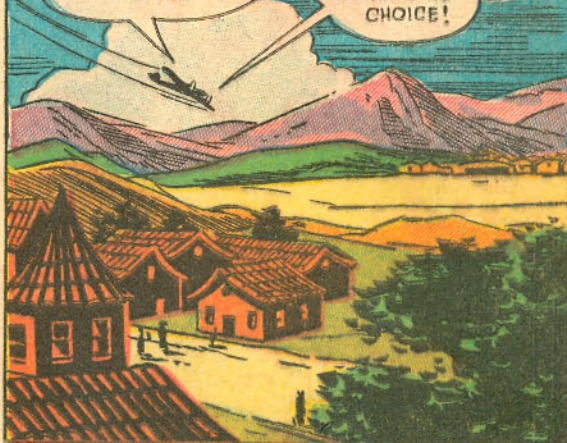
BUT IF WE'RE COMING IN FOR A LANDING AT **KAT-MANDU**, THE CAPITAL OF NEPAL, THEN YOU NEPALESE **DO** HAVE AIRFIELDS HERE!

YES, BUT WE WISH TO BUILD AIRFIELDS FURTHER NORTH, IN THE VERY **HEART** OF THE HIMALAYAS! WE WILL GO THERE BY YAK-TRAIN AFTER LANDING!



WHAT? YOU MEAN YOU MADE NANCY MAKE A RUGGED TRIP ON YAK-BACK UP INTO THESE MOUNTAINS? WHY, YOU ROTTEN---

NO VIOLENCE, MR. HOLLIS...OR THE GIRL WILL SUFFER FOR IT! JUST REMAIN CALM... YOU HAVE NO CHOICE!



THEN, ON THE TRAIL LEADING NORTH OUT OF KATMANDU---

OH-OH, NEPALESE GURKHA GUARDS... THE BEST FIGHTING MEN IN THE WORLD!

HALT! ALL TRAVELERS GOING NORTH TOWARD TIBET MUST BE SEARCHED FOR WEAPONS...TO PREVENT ARMS FROM BEING SMUGGLED TO THE ACCURSED COMMUNISTS!



YOU WANT OUR WEAPONS? **HERE!**

AAARGHH!

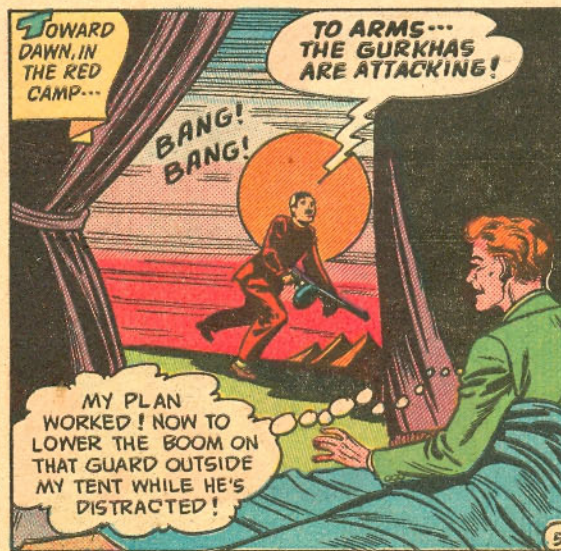
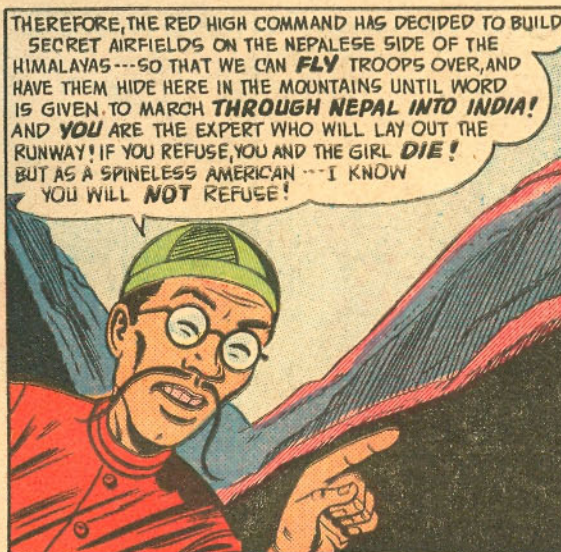
BANG! BANG!

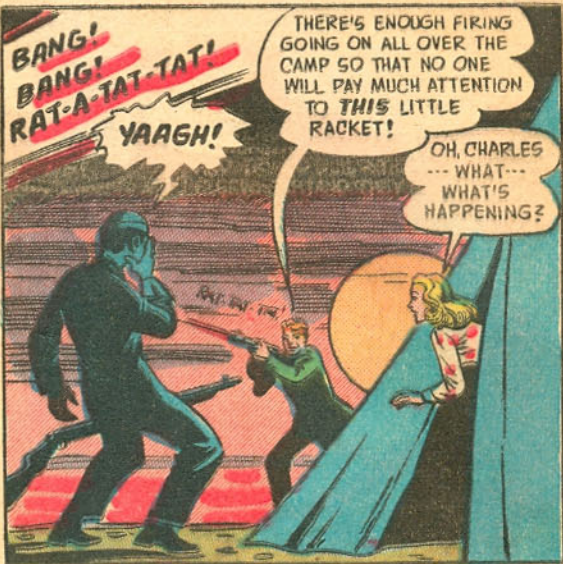


GREAT SCOTT--- THEY SHOT DOWN THEIR OWN COUNTRYMEN IN COLD BLOOD...WHICH MEANS THAT THANG AND HIS MEN ARE REALLY **ENEMIES** OF THE NEPALESE PEOPLE! THERE'S A LOT MORE AT STAKE HERE THAN JUST MY LIFE OR NANCY'S!

GOOD THING I CAME PREPARED FOR THE WORST! IN DAYLIGHT NO ONE WILL NOTICE THE LITTLE TRICKLE OF PHOSPHORESCENT POWDER DROPPING OUT OF MY POCKET...BUT WHEN OTHER GURKHAS COME TO RELIEVE THE GUARDS WHO WERE KILLED, THEY'LL NOTICE THE GLOWING TRAIL OF POWDER AT NIGHT...AND THEY'LL FOLLOW IT TO TRACK DOWN THE KILLERS! JUST A PINCH OF POWDER EVERY FIFTY FEET OR SO OUGHT TO DO THE TRICK...AND I'VE GOT ENOUGH IN ALL MY POCKETS TO LAST A LONG, LONG TIME!







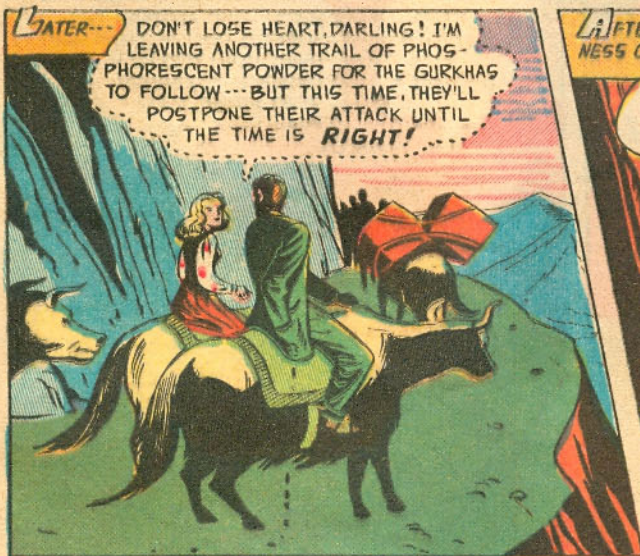


SOON AFTERWARDS...

SO...
YOU RE-
TURNED!

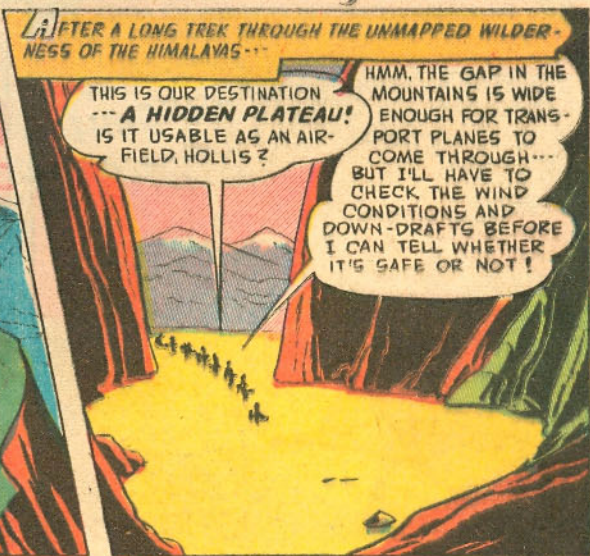
YES...WE TRIED TO ESCAPE,BUT THE GURKHAS
FIRED ON US, THINKING WE WERE ENEMIES! WE
DON'T CARE MUCH FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY,BUT
WE LIKE DYING EVEN LESS...
SO WE DECIDED TO
COME BACK!

IF YOU ATTEMPT ESCAPE ONCE MORE,
YOU WILL DIE...PAINFULLY! NOW WE
MUST MOVE OUR CAMP...BEFORE THE
GURKHAS RETURN IN GREATER FORCE!
A NEW SITE WAS PREPARED FOR THIS
EMERGENCY...ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE
DANGEROUS FOR OUR PLANES TO
LAND THERE BECAUSE OF THE
TOWERING MOUNTAINS SURROUND-
ING THE HIDDEN PLATEAU! IT WILL
BE **YOUR** JOB TO LAY OUT THE
RUNWAY SO THAT OUR PLANES
CAN LAND SAFELY...AND IF YOU
VALUE THE
GIRL'S
LIFE,
YOU
WILL
DO THE
JOB
WELL!



LATER...

DON'T LOSE HEART,DARLING! I'M
LEAVING ANOTHER TRAIL OF PHOS-
PHORESCENT POWDER FOR THE GURKHAS
TO FOLLOW...BUT THIS TIME,THEY'LL
POSTPONE THEIR ATTACK UNTIL
THE TIME IS **RIGHT!**



AFTER A LONG TREK THROUGH THE UNMAPPED WILDER-
NESS OF THE HIMALAYAS...

THIS IS OUR DESTINATION
...**A HIDDEN PLATEAU!**
IS IT USABLE AS AN AIR-
FIELD,HOLLIS?

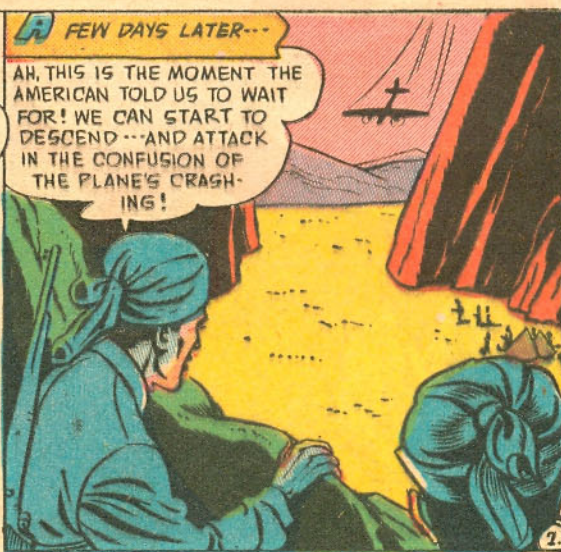
HMM,THE GAP IN THE
MOUNTAINS IS WIDE
ENOUGH FOR TRANS-
PORT PLANES TO
COME THROUGH...
BUT I'LL HAVE TO
CHECK THE WIND
CONDITIONS AND
DOWN-DRAFTS BEFORE
I CAN TELL WHETHER
IT'S SAFE OR NOT!



NEXT DAY...

THE WIND CONDITIONS ARE
PERFECT,THANG...I'M WILLING
TO STAKE MY FIANCEE'S LIFE
ON MY CONVICTION THAT
HEAVY PLANES CAME THROUGH
AND LAND ON THE PLATEAU
SAFELY!

EXCELLENT! I KNOW HOW
MUCH EMPHASIS YOU DE-
CADENT AMERICANS
PLACE ON LOVE,SO I
KNOW YOU WOULDN'T
RISK YOUR SWEETHEART'S
LIFE BY NOT TELLING
THE TRUTH! I WILL
RADIO LHASA THAT
EVERYTHING IS IN READI-
NESS FOR THE FIRST
PLANELOADS OF
RED TROOPS!



A FEW DAYS LATER...

AH,THIS IS THE MOMENT THE
AMERICAN TOLD US TO WAIT
FOR! WE CAN START TO
DESCEND...AND ATTACK
IN THE CONFUSION OF
THE PLANE'S CRASH-
ING!



MASTER SPIES OF HISTORY

ONE OF FRANCE'S MOST MASTERFUL SPIES IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR WAS CHARLES BINET, WHO WAS SUMMONED BY THE FRENCH GENERAL STAFF AT A CRITICAL MOMENT IN HIS NATION'S HISTORY... WHEN GERMAN GAS WARFARE THREATENED THE ALLIED FORCES WITH DISASTER!

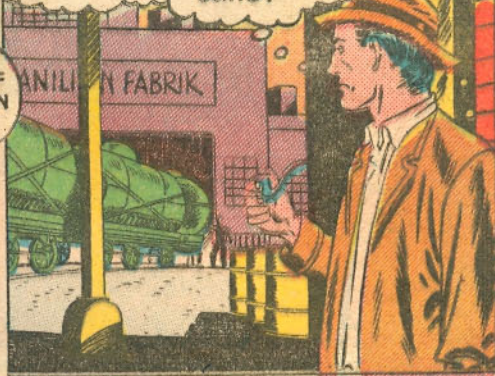
BINET, WE MUST KNOW EXACTLY WHICH GAS THE HUNS ARE PLANNING TO TURN AGAINST US NEXT - SO THAT WE MAY DEVELOP A DEFENSE AGAINST IT!
IF WE DON'T, WE ARE LOST!

FEAR NOT - MON GENERAL - IF ANYONE CAN FIND OUT, I CAN!



SHAVING OFF HIS MOUSTACHE AND DONNING GERMAN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, BINET SLIPPED THROUGH ENEMY LINES AND ARRIVED AT MANNHEIM, SITE OF THE GREAT GERMAN CHEMICAL WORKS!

THAT'S WHERE THE POISON GAS IS BEING MANUFACTURED... BUT WHERE ARE THOSE TANK CARS GOING?



THE CANNY FRENCH SPY QUICKLY THOUGHT OF A WAY OF SECURING THE VITAL INFORMATION!

PLEASE - THIS LETTER MUST GET TO MY AGED MOTHER IN DUSSELDORF IMMEDIATELY! BUT THE MAILS ARE SO SLOW THESE DAYS - IF YOU'RE GOING THAT WAY, COULD YOU DROP IT OFF IN DUSSELDORF FOR ME?

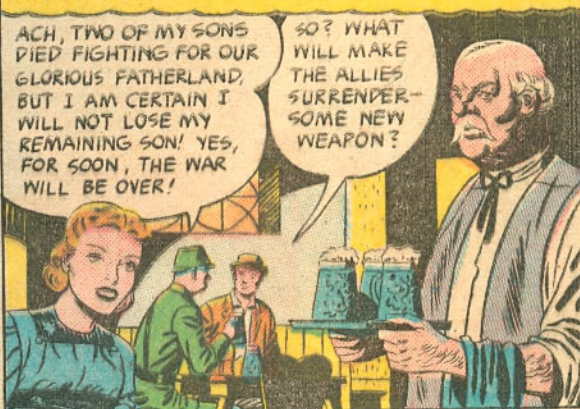
WE DON'T GO TO DUSSELDORF - WE GO TO ESSEN!



ESSEN - SITE OF THE GREAT KRUPP ARTILLERY SHELL PLANT! WHAT CONNECTION COULD THERE BE BETWEEN POISON GAS AND ARTILLERY SHELLS? DETERMINED TO FIND OUT, BINET TOOK TO HANGING OUT AROUND THE CAFES NEAR THE KRUPP FACTORY - AND SOON BECAME FRIENDLY WITH AN ELDERLY GUARD AT THE PLANT!

ACH, TWO OF MY SONS DIED FIGHTING FOR OUR GLORIOUS FATHERLAND, BUT I AM CERTAIN I WILL NOT LOSE MY REMAINING SON! YES, FOR SOON, THE WAR WILL BE OVER!

SO? WHAT WILL MAKE THE ALLIES SURRENDER - SOME NEW WEAPON?



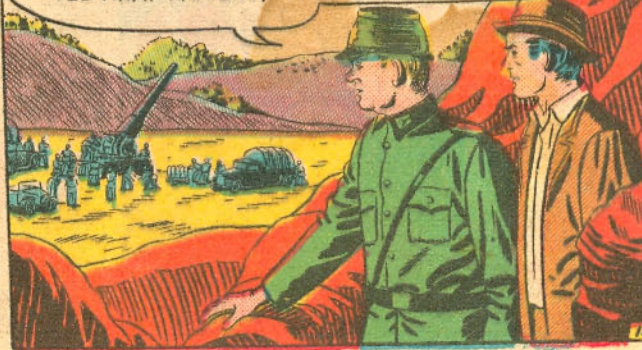
JA - POISON GAS ARTILLERY SHELLS!

POISON GAS TO BE DISCHARGED FROM ORDINARY FIELD GUNS? IMPOSSIBLE! I WILL BET YOU TWO THOUSAND MARKS YOU CANNOT PROVE SUCH A THING CAN BE DONE!

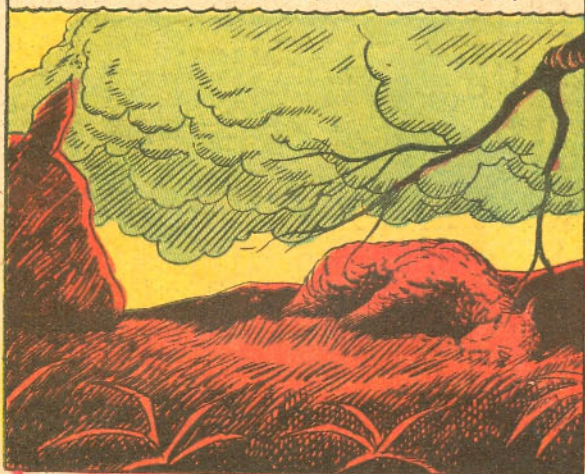


THE GUARD LEAPED AT THE CHANCE TO MAKE SUCH EASY MONEY! QUICKLY, HE AGREED TO TAKE HIS NEW FRIEND TO WITNESS THE OFFICIAL TESTING OF THE REMARKABLE NEW PROJECTILES!

KAISER WILHELM HIMSELF IS SUPPOSED TO BE DOWN THERE TO WATCH THE DEMONSTRATION! THAT CANNON WILL FIRE A POISON GAS SHELL INTO THAT FLOCK OF SHEEP - AND THEN YOU WILL SEE WHAT HAPPENS!



THE CANNON WAS FIRED, ITS SHELL EXPLODING WITH A SOFT SOUND! A CLOUD OF YELLOW-GREEN SMOKE AROSE AND, WHEN THE SMOKE DRIFTED AWAY, NOTHING ALIVE REMAINED - EVEN THE GRASS LOOKED BURNT!



I AM GLAD TO PAY OFF THE BET, MY FRIEND - SUCH A WEAPON IS SURE TO WIN THE WAR FOR US! BUT I WISH I COULD GET A FRAGMENT OF THAT EXPLODED GAS SHELL - AS A MEMENTO OF THIS UNFORGETTABLE PAY!

I SHALL GO OUT THERE MYSELF AND PICK UP A PIECE FOR YOU - IT IS THE LEAST I CAN DO FOR A MAN WHO PAYS HIS BETS SO PROMPTLY!



THREE DAYS LATER, THE FRENCH SPY TURNED THE SHELL FRAGMENT OVER TO THE TOP GOVERNMENT CHEMIST IN PARIS - AND AN ANALYSIS WAS MADE OF THE MINUTE TRACES OF GAS COMPOUND REMAINING ON THE FRAGMENT!

THE SHELL CONTAINED PHOSGENE AND CHLOROFORMIAT OF TRICHLOROMETHYL - A DEADLY SUFFOCATING GAS!

IT WILL TAKE TIME FOR THE HUNS TO BUILD UP AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF THOSE GAS SHELLS! MEANWHILE, OUR SCIENTISTS WILL WORK DAY AND NIGHT PERFECTING A GAS MASK WHICH WILL PROTECT OUR TROOPS!



WEEKS LATER, WHEN GERMAN SUPPLIES WERE IN READINESS, THE BOMBARDMENT OF FRENCH TROOPS BEGAN! THEN, AFTER A MURDEROUS BARRAGE...

FORWARD - THE ONLY FRENCHMEN WE WILL FIND WILL BE DEAD FRENCHMEN!



BUT WHEN THE GERMAN'S CROSSED NO-MAN'S-LAND AND HIT THE FRENCH TRENCHES...

RAT-A-TAT-TAT!

HIMMEL - THEY WERE PREPARED FOR US - YAAGHH!



THE GERMANS WERE UTTERLY ROUTED - AND A POTENTIAL CATASTROPHE WAS TURNED INTO GLORIOUS VICTORY - THANKS TO FRANCE'S MASTER SPY, CHARLES BINET!



The End

FLASH!

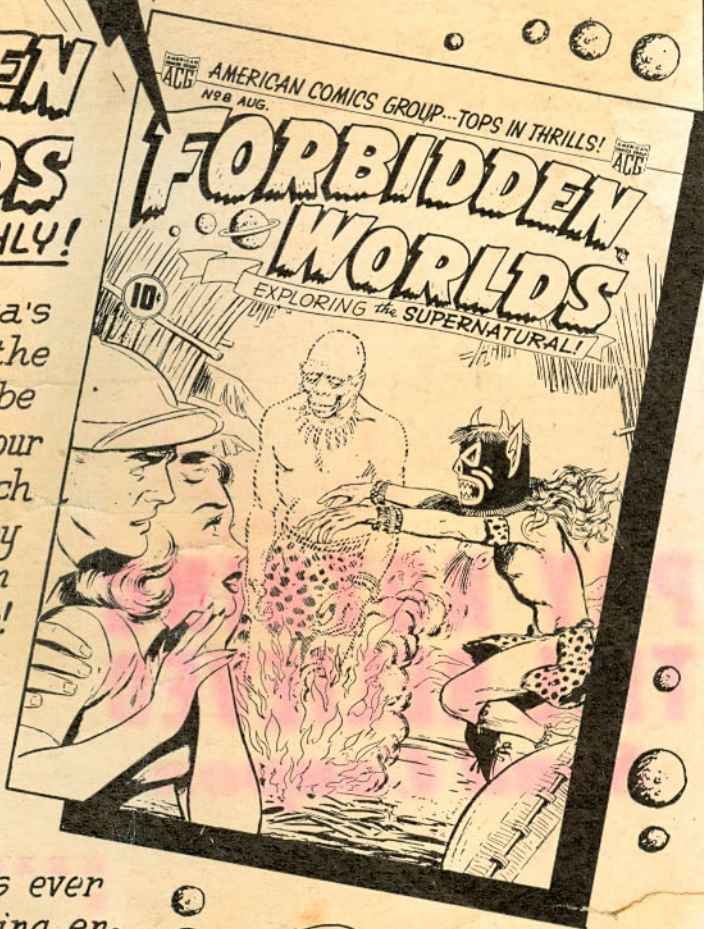
*You asked
for it...*

HERE IT IS!

FORBIDDEN WORLDS

Now **APPEARS MONTHLY!**

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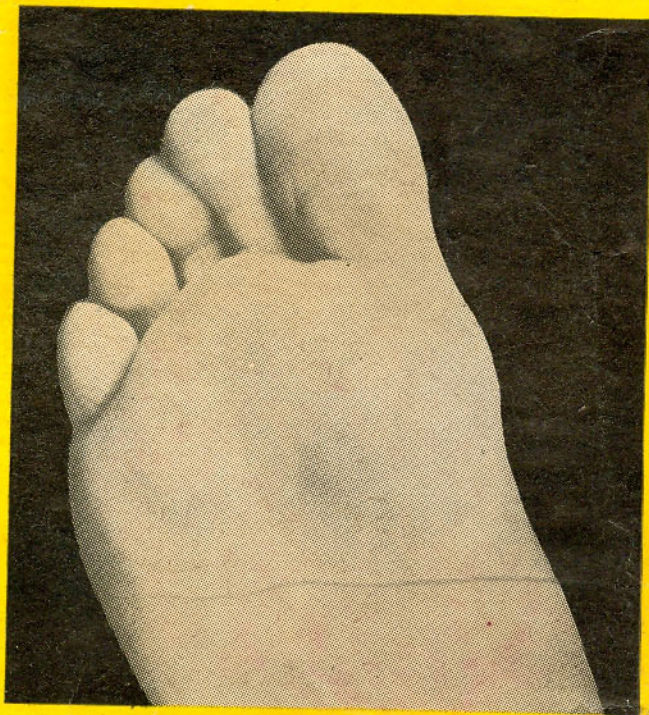


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FOOT ITCH

ATHLETE'S FOOT



DISEASE OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD

The cause of the disease is not a germ as so many people think, but a vegetable growth that becomes lodged in and immediately beneath the outer tissue of the skin.

To obtain relief the medicine to be used should first, gently remove the horny outer layer of skin and kill the vegetable growth.

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Recently H. F. was developed solely for the purpose of relieving Athlete's Foot. It gently removes the horny outer layer of the skin, killing the vegetable growth, in and immediately under the skin, upon contact. Both actions are necessary for prompt relief.

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BEWARE OF IT SPREADING

Often the disease travels all over the bottom of the feet. The soles of your feet become red and swollen. The skin also cracks and peels, and the itching becomes worse and worse.

Get relief from this disease as quickly as possible, because it is both contagious and infectious, and it may go to your hands or even to the under arm or crotch of the legs.

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